

JFK assassination records appeals

Harold Weinberg 6/3/79

Referrals to CIA - including what is disclosed

Attached are referral slips to the CIA of the same day for 62-109060-5135 and 5139 and a Not Recorded Serial from 105-02555.

From the partly legible notation of where the original of the 105 record is filed it appears that it is identical with Serial 5139 above.

This means that with not unexcused arbitrariness and ~~superficialness~~ ^{simplicity} the same FBI withheld the record from one file in the guise that it was necessary to refer it to the CIA while disclosing it in another file and with that also disclosing that there was no need to make this referral - two years ago.

The purpose of the memo is to go into the patterns on which Jim Garrison "sold" Jack Anderson, hardly a matter of urgent national security ~~and~~ ^{already} disclosed in the cited memo.

The only withholding within the record follows the absolutely non-essential allegation that the CIA advised the JFK assassination, ~~KNOWING~~ the ridiculous pretext that hardly needed referral.

However, if what is withheld also includes Clay Shaw's prior connection with the CIA, that was within the public domain in various ways prior ~~to~~ to this processing and these referrals. I repeated what was in the press in 1967 and the CIA itself made disclosure after Victor Marchetti made some statements that were considerably exaggerated in repetition.

Were none of these things true there would remain the question of anything reasonably segregable in what is withheld. From the context that some is is obvious.

Both of the referred records are of identical description except for the number of pages.

The number 203 at the top of this record is not typical of FBI markings. Can you shed any light on its significance or the occasion for adding it - like is it part of a tickler or similar collection of records?

THIS SERIAL HAS BEEN REFERRED TO
ANOTHER AGENCY AND IS IN A PENDING STATUS:

FILE NO. 62-109060

SERIAL NO. 5139

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REFERRAL

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Rosen

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: April 26, 1967

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
1 - Mr. Raupach
1 - Mr. Lenihan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

Reference is made to memorandum from Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson dated 4/4/67 reporting summary of Mr. DeLoach's conversation with Jack Anderson 4/4/67. Anderson informed Mr. DeLoach that he had recently visited New Orleans District Attorney Garrison regarding Garrison's investigation. Anderson stated he was fully prepared to present a hostile viewpoint to Garrison but after listening to Garrison for 90 minutes he now believes there is some authenticity to Garrison's claims and future plans.

The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth a brief analysis of certain items which Garrison used to "sell" Anderson on the validity of his investigation:

1. Garrison's claim: That David William Ferrie and Clay Shaw masterminded the assassination and that Clay Shaw was in the beginning subsidized by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

2. Garrison's claim: David William Ferrie and Clay Shaw arranged for Oswald to get an office in New Orleans in connection with his Fair Play for Cuba activities.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
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Facts: Lee Harvey Oswald had no office in New Orleans. While engaged in Fair Play for Cuba activities in New Orleans during the Summer of 1963, Oswald resided at 4905 Magazine Street and maintained Post Office Box 30061. The Fair Play for Cuba leaflets distributed by Oswald carried one of these two addresses.

3. Garrison's claim: David Ferrie and Clay Shaw sent Oswald to Mexico in a fake attempt to obtain permission to reenter the Soviet Union.

Facts: Oswald's trip to Mexico in an effort to return to Russia via Cuba was no fake. Oswald's correspondence with the Soviet Embassy November 9, 1963, and information received by CIA's sensitive coverage of the Soviet Embassy and the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City gave strong corroboration to the fact that Oswald was earnestly attempting to depart the United States via Cuba.

4. Garrison's claim: David Ferrie and Clay Shaw instructed Oswald to go to Dallas for purpose of assassinating President Kennedy.

Facts: It was pure chance that Oswald was employed in the Texas School Book Depository building on the day of the assassination. He got this job through a lead supplied by a neighbor. It was not decided until November 14, 1963, that President Kennedy's Motorcade would pass directly by this building on November 22, 1963.

5. Garrison's claim: David Ferrie and Clay Shaw engineered the idea of Oswald buying a gun under the name of A. J. Hidell.

Facts: Oswald had purchased both the assassination rifle and the .38 caliber revolver which he used to kill Officer J. D. Tippit while residing in Dallas prior to moving to New Orleans in late April, 1963. The two weapons were shipped to Oswald by the firms from whom they were purchased in late March, 1963, approximately one month before Oswald moved to New Orleans from Dallas.

6. Garrison's claim: David Ferrie stood by a telephone at an ice skating rink in Houston, Texas, at all times on November 22, 1963, the day of the assassination.

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Facts: Our investigation disclosed David William Ferrie was in New Orleans on the afternoon of November 22, 1963. He did not leave for Houston in the company of two associates until the evening of November 22, 1963, and did not arrive in Houston until the morning of November 23, 1963. This was corroborated through motel registration and individuals who were cognizant of Ferrie's activities during this critical period.

OBSERVATIONS:

Had Jack Anderson taken the time to become even vaguely familiar with the findings of the Warren Commission as set out in its report, he would not have been a "sitting duck" for Garrison's wild accusations.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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